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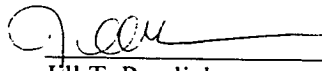
The office action mailed on June 18, 2002 required restriction of pending claims of the captioned application to one of 5 groups. The claim groups identified by the Examiner are as follows:

- Group I: claims 1-9, drawn to a method of reducing an acute inflammation by administering IFN- $\gamma$ .
- Group II: claims 10-14 and 39, drawn to a method of treatment or prevention of a disease sensitive to IFN- $\gamma$ .
- Group III: claims 15-23 and 38, drawn to a method of treatment or prevention of a bacterial or fungal infection using IFN- $\gamma$ .
- Group IV: claims 24-28, drawn to a pharmaceutical formulation of IFN- $\gamma$ .
- Group V: claims 29-37, drawn to a method of activating B cells using IFN- $\gamma$ .

Applicants elect Group IV, claims 24-28, without traverse. Claims 1-23 and 29-39 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims and passage of the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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